

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

Across the County, approximately 2.1 million meals are served to seniors either at community centers or by home delivery each and every day. It goes without saying that they rely heavily on these meals, and the demand is growing, along with the cost of preparing and providing these meals.

On June 19, the Board ordered the CEO to report back with a plan as to how to address issues within the senior meal program across the County. This is a very positive first step, and I am hopeful that we can resolve the issues through the action resulting from our direction. However, based on the feedback I have been receiving from senior meal providers, there are an abundance of fiscal and contracting issues that create obstacles to making this a streamlined and efficiently run program. While the issues around administering the senior nutrition program in Los Angeles County certainly are complex, the issues raised by the service providers must be clearly understood and appropriate adjustments should be made, in the context of the plan we expect from the CEO on this matter.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the Chief Executive Officer provide his plan to the Board that addresses the senior meal program by August 20, 2007, and that the plan additionally examine and provide recommendations to resolving the complex fiscal and contracting issues around administering the senior meal program.

I FURTHER MOVE that a stakeholder process be developed that includes representatives from the senior meal providers, to review the CEO plan for the senior nutrition program, monitor progress and provide input to the CEO on a periodic basis.

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